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16 August 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Joint Architectural Venture - Williams, Coile and Blanchard, Taylor & Fisher, DiStasio & Van Buren, Pereira & Luckman.

1. On 16 August 1955 Senator Styles Bridges telephoned Mr. Dulles to express his interest in the joint venture proposed by Williams, Coile and Blanchard, Taylor & Fisher, DiStasio & Van Buren, and Pereira & Luckman in connection with the architectural and engineering services relative to our new building. Subsequently, Mr. Coile of Williams, Coile and Blanchard telephoned Mr. Dulles who agreed to meet with him and Mr. Forte...a member of the firm's Washington office...at 2:30 p.m. on 17 August.

2. I handled this meeting for Mr. Dulles in which he participated briefly. I opened the conversation by telling Mr. Coile that I had received just yesterday the letter dated 12 August written to me by the joint venture and advised him that after serious consideration as to the selection of an architect we had tentatively decided on another firm. He readily stated that members of his joint venture had been to the General Services Administration and had received the same information there. He went on to explain that they had not thought that the selection would be made quite so fast but he made no pretense of expressing any criticism or of being unhappy about the situation. He advised that the joint venture had been formed with the definite understanding that if they did not get the contract as principal architects the group would be dissolved immediately and each firm would be free to proceed on its own in whatever way it chose. He then said that Williams, Coile and Blanchard was a firm with a fine reputation and had been doing outstanding work for many years. He stated he understood that we would probably build in Virginia and that inasmuch as Williams, Coile and Blanchard was a firm from that State he hoped it might participate with the prime architect as an associate. He was assured that we had not selected an associate architect and that his request would certainly be given consideration. He said that they had in mind writing us another letter requesting consideration as an associate architect and I encouraged him to do this.

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